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- 1. Amendment Transmittal with Extension of Time (3pgs);**
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Applicant: Lars BLANK, et al.

Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING
BIOMASS YIELD OF LACTIC
ACID BACTERIAL CULTURES

Appl. No.: 10/623,578

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

☐ Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
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Respectfully submitted,

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